

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. A cover component mountable to an airbag system and having a tear line that is torn open when an airbag of the airbag system inflates,
wherein at least part of the tear line comprises a recessed line and hollows bored in the recessed line at intervals,
wherein the recessed line is molded into the cover component using a raised line provided on a core surface of a die, and
wherein the hollows are bored into the cover component by laser processing.
2. The cover component of claim 1, wherein the recessed line decreases in depth gradually toward an endmost of the tear line.
3. The cover component of claim 1, wherein the tear line further comprises a region of reduced strength shaped so that the tear line is torn open in said region of reduced strength when the airbag inflates.
4. The cover component of claim 3, wherein the region of reduced strength is deeper than other parts of the recessed line.
5. The cover component of claim 4, wherein the region of reduced strength includes at least one hollow that has approximately the same depth as at least one hollow of another part of the recessed line.
6. The cover component of claim 4, wherein the region of reduced strength includes at least one hollow that is deeper than hollows of other parts of the recessed line.
7. The cover component of claim 3, wherein the region of reduced strength includes at least one hollow that is deeper than hollows of other parts of the recessed line.

8. The cover component of claim 3, wherein the region of reduced strength comprises at least a first hollow that has a ceiling that is closer to a front surface of the cover component than a ceiling of at least a second hollow of another part of the recessed line.
9. The cover component of claim 8, further comprising inclined parts adjacent to said first hollow.
10. The cover component of claim 8, further comprising steps adjacent to said first hollow.
11. The cover component of claim 3, wherein the region of reduced strength comprises at least a first hollow that has a ceiling that is approximately equidistant to a front surface of the cover component as a ceiling of at least a second hollow of another part of the recessed line.
12. The cover component of claim 11, wherein said region of reduced strength comprises at least two adjacent hollows separated by a distance substantially less than a distance separating other adjacent hollows.
13. The cover component of claim 3, wherein the region of reduced strength comprises a recessed line and hollows, and wherein a remaining part of the tear line comprises only hollows.

14. An airbag system comprising:
 - a folded airbag;
 - a gas generator configured to inflate the airbag; and
 - a cover component including a tear line that is torn open when an airbag of the airbag system inflates,
 - wherein at least part of the tear line comprises a recessed line and hollows bored in the recessed line at intervals,
 - wherein the recessed line is molded into the cover component using a raised line provided on a core surface of a die, and
 - wherein the hollows are bored into the cover component by laser processing.
15. A vehicle interior trim having a tear line that is configured to be torn open when an airbag of an airbag system inflates,
 - wherein at least part of the tear line comprises a recessed line and hollows bored in the recessed line at intervals,
 - wherein the recessed line is molded into the cover component using a raised line provided on a core surface of a die, and
 - wherein the hollows are bored into the cover component by laser processing.
16. The vehicle interior trim of claim 15, wherein the recessed line decreases in depth gradually toward an endmost of the tear line.
17. The vehicle interior trim of claim 15, wherein the tear line further comprises a region of reduced strength shaped so that the tear line is torn open in said region of reduced strength when the airbag inflates.
18. The vehicle interior trim of claim 17, wherein the region of reduced strength is deeper than other parts of the recessed line.
19. The vehicle interior trim of claim 18, wherein the region of reduced strength includes at least one hollow that has approximately the same depth as at least one hollow of another part of the recessed line.

20. The vehicle interior trim of claim 18, wherein the region of reduced strength includes at least one hollow that is deeper than hollows of other parts of the recessed line.
21. The vehicle interior trim of claim 17, wherein the region of reduced strength includes at least one hollow that is deeper than hollows of other parts of the recessed line.
22. The vehicle interior trim of claim 17, wherein the region of reduced strength comprises at least a first hollow that has a ceiling that is closer to a front surface of the cover component than a ceiling of at least a second hollow of another part of the recessed line.
23. The vehicle interior trim of claim 22, further comprising inclined parts adjacent to said first hollow.
24. The vehicle interior trim of claim 22, further comprising steps adjacent to said first hollow.
25. The vehicle interior trim of claim 17, wherein the region of reduced strength comprises at least a first hollow that has a ceiling that is approximately equidistant to a front surface of the cover component as a ceiling of at least a second hollow of another part of the recessed line.
26. The vehicle interior trim of claim 25, wherein said region of reduced strength comprises at least two adjacent hollows separated by a distance substantially less than a distance separating other adjacent hollows.
27. The vehicle interior trim of claim 17, wherein the region of reduced strength comprises a recessed line and hollows, and wherein a remaining part of the tear line comprises only hollows.
28. The vehicle interior trim of claim 15, wherein the vehicle interior trim is an instrument panel.

29. A method of making a cover component mountable to an airbag system, the cover component having a tear line that is torn open when an airbag of the airbag system inflates, comprising:

providing a die having a core surface having a raised line formed on the core surface;

providing a moldable material;

molding said moldable material using said die so as to form a molded material having a recessed line corresponding to said raised line;

providing a laser; and

irradiating said molded material using said laser so as to bore a plurality of hollows in said recessed line in said molded material at intervals.

30. The method of claim 29, further comprising the step of attaching said molded material to said airbag system.